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CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21

July 31, 2003

Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary 445 12th Street SW Washington, DC 20554 **RECEIVED & INSPECTED**

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Dear FCC,

This letter is to request that the FCC waive the 120 time period to file Form 486 with USAC and grant a 30 day extension.

Applicant Name

Municipal Telephone Exchange

Form 471 Application Number

267659

Funding Request Number

728069

The missed deadline was due to a series of untimely personnel and consultant changes that could not be avoided. We do not believe that the significant reduction in funding resulting from the missed deadline serves the best interest of the public.

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Sincerely,

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